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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of	)	FPPC No.: 2000/576
	)	
MARISELA TORRES,	)	DEFAULT DECISION AND
	)	ORDER
	)	(Government Code Section 11506)
	)	
Respondent.	)	

The Complainant, Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, hereby submits this Default Decision and Order for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Respondent Marisela Torres has been served with all of the documents necessary to conduct an administrative hearing regarding the above-captioned matter, including the following:

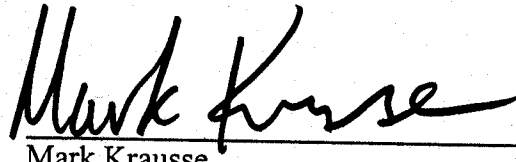
1. A Finding of Probable Cause;
2. An Accusation;
3. A Notice of Defense (Two Copies);
4. A Statement to Respondent; and
5. Copies of Government Code sections 11506, 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7.

1 The Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code Section 11506 *et seq.*) provides that  
2 failure to file a Notice of Defense within fifteen days of the issuance of an Accusation shall constitute a  
3 waiver of Respondent's right to a hearing on the merits. The Statement to Respondent explicitly states  
4 that a Notice of Defense must be filed in order to request a hearing. (Government Code Section 11505,  
5 subdivision (b).) Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense.

6 Respondent violated the Political Reform Act as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto  
7 and incorporated herein by reference as though set forth at length herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate  
8 summary of the facts in this matter.

9 This Default Decision and Order is submitted to the Commission to obtain a final disposition of  
10 this matter.

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12 Dated: 10/22/01

  
Mark Krausse  
Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

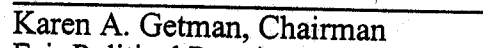
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16 DECISION AND ORDER

17 The Commission issues this Decision and Order and imposes a fine of Two Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$2,000.00) upon Respondent Marisela Torres payable to the "General Fund of the State of California."

19 IT IS SO ORDERED, effective upon execution below by the Chairman of the Fair Political  
20 Practices Commission at Sacramento, California.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Karen A. Getman, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission